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## Banks.

SOTICE.

AULES OF THE HONOKONG BAVINGS' BANK.

-The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received, depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year. 1. - Depositors in the Savings' Bank having

alilo or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cont. per annum interest. t. ... Interest at the rate of 34 per cent, per annum will be allowed to depositors on

their daily balances. 5. - Bach Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not mak any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.- Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded tree by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and Chipagener

7. - Withdrawals may be made on demond. but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book ATO RECORBATY.

> HONGKONG & SHARGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, F. DE BOVIS,

Acting Chief Manage. Gongkong, January 1, 1891,

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION. 

RESERVE LIABILITY OF \$ \$9,296,677.07 Proprietors,....

COURT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman-J. S. Moses, Esq. Deputy Chairman ... S. C. MICHARLSEN, Esq. H. L. DALRYMPLE, | Hon. J. J. KESWICK, ALEX. MCCONACHIE. T. E. DAVIES, Esq. C. J. HOLLIDAY, Esq. L. PORSNECKER, Esq.

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INTEREST ALLOWED. ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cant. per annum on the daily balance. On Fixed Deposits :--

For 3 months, 2 per cent, per annum. 4 per cent. n n. 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Oredits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts granted on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

F. DE BOVIS. Acting Chief Manager, Hongkong, March 11, 1891.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ......£2,000,000. LONDON:

Head Office ..... 40, Threadneedle Street, West End Office ... 25, Cockspor Street. BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN

AND THE COLONIES. THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Oredit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and

Agency Business generally, on terms to je had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS: Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.

ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 2 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance. E. W. RUTTER Manager.

Intimations.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Thirtoonth Ordinary Annual MEET ING of SHAREHOLDERS in the. above Company will be held at the Orrica of the General Agenta, Pedder's Street, TO-MORROW, the 21st March, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report from CHINESE EVANGELIST OFFICE, 52, West the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1890. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 21st

> March, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, Hongkong, March 20, 1891.

HONGKONG SCHOOLS ATHLETIC

SPORTS. TOY kind Permission of the JOOKEY CLUB, D the SPORTS connected with the above will be held on the RAGE COURSE,

TO-MORROW, the 21st Instant, commencing at 1.30 P.M. LADY DES VŒUX has kindly consented to Distribute the Prizes. SELECTIONS of MUSIC will be given

at intervals by the BAND OF THE A. & S. HIGHLANDERS. EDW. JNO. BOARDS. Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 20, 1891. HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

COMPETITION for the Long Range Handicap Subscription CUP and Range SPOONS will be held on SATUR-DAY, the 21st Instant, at 3.30 p.m. Disances -800 and 000 Yards. Ten Shots at each. Position, any. Entrance Fee, 30

A Launch will leave the P. & O. Pier at 3 o'Clock p.m. to convey Competitors." FRANK COLLINS, Hon. Secretary.

· Hongkong, March 16, 1891. THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFAC TURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Seventh Ordinary General MEET-ING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Praya Central, on MONDAY, 23rd March, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, for the General Managers, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from 8th to the 23rd Instant, both days inclusive. RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 6, 1891. HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

HONGKONG DERBY, 1892. THE WEIGHTS for the above RACE will be weight for inches, not 10st. 10lb. as heretofore.

> E. H. GORE-BOOTH, Clerk of the Course.

Hougkong, March 17, 1891. THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING. . COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEET-ING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of MARCH, 1891, at 2.30 P.M. in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving ment of Accounts to the 30th day of Sep- are cordially INVITED.

tember, 1800. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Cox-PARY will be CLOSED from the 18th instant to the 25th Instant, both days inclu-

By Order of the Board of Directors, K. A. STEVENS

Hongkong, 10th March, 1891.

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS the above Company will be held at the HONGRONG HOTEL, VICTORIA, in the Colong of HONGKONG, at 2.45 o'clock P.M., on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of MARCH. 1891, for the purpose of considering, and approved of passing, the following Special Resolution :-

"That the Capital of The Balmoral Gold "Mining Company, Limited, be in-"creased from \$180,000 to \$225,000 by the creation of Four Thousand and Five Hundred New Shares of \$10 each "to be fully paid up. And that such "New Shares be issued upon such "terms and conditions and generally with such rights and privileges as "shall be resolved upon or directed at "the Meeting, and if no direction be

"given as the Directors shall deter-By Order of the Board of Directors,

Hongkong, 10th March, 1891.

CANTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,

PILES OF WHAMPOA BARRIER

CARRIED AWAY. CYAPTAINS of Vessels are hereby notifled, that no reliance can be placed on the position of the Green Light at the Whampos barrier, (La-tê Oha) until the

outer piles on the South side-recently carried away-are replaced; due notice of which will be given. J. H. MIY, Harbour Master.

F. E. WOODRUFF, Commissioner. CURTON HOUSE.

Canton, 14th March, 1891.

Business Notices.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

SELECTION TIOLINS, TENORS, BANJOS, GUITARS, MANDOLINES AND ZITHERS. CORNETS, SAXHORNS, BARITONES, EUPHONIUMS AND TROMBONES. CLARINETS, OBOES, FLUTES, PICCOLOS, FIFES AND FLACEOLETES. VIOLIN, BANJO, GUITAR AND MANDOLINE STRINGS VIOLIN CASES AND BOWS. GUITAR CASES.

FITTINGS FOR ALL MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. LARGE STOCK OF MUSIC.

SELECTIONS may be had on Approval.

By BROADWOOD, COLLARD, CHAPPELL AND OTHER EMERSAT MAKERS, PLANOS ON HIRE.

PIANOS TUNED. PIANOS REPAIRED. Pianos on the Monthly Payment System. Hongkong, February 28, 1891.

Victoria Hotel, Praya and Queen's Road Central, Honokong. THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost.

the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post-Office), Banks, &c, has recently been much en-larged and improved and is now one of the principal Horaus in the place. The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most -comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East: The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious,

large DINING HALL. The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and SMORING ROOMS. The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE. Hongkong, September 16, 1885.

TAILORS, GENERAL OUTFITTERS, &c. (OPPOSITE HONGEONG HOTEL).

OUR STOCK of SEASONABLE GOODS is now complete in all the NEWEST MATERIALS, comprising :- A large Variety of DRESS SUITING from \$30, upwards. TWEEDS for SULTS, ULSTERS and INVERNESS CAPES, CORDS and nurpuse of receiving the Report of the ELASTICS for RIDING and SHOOPING, BRUCHES and LEGGINGS.

EVENING DRESS BHIRTS, COLLARS, TIES, GLOVES, SILK, LISLE THREAD and CASHMERE SOOKS; PATENT LEATHER PUMPS and SHOES, &o., &o., &o.

W. POWELL & Co. JUST REOEIVED

VIUTORIA EXCHANGE, March 14, 1891.

W. POWELL & Co.

Intimations.

CATHAY CHAPTER, No. 1165.

A Regular CONVOCATION of the The FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 20th Instant, at 8.30 the Report of the Directors and a State- for 9 p.m. precisely. -VISITING BESTHERN Hongkong, March 20, 1891.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

NFORMATION has been Received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from the Batteries at Lyemun in North-Westerly and Easterly directions, North Point in a North-Easterly-direction, and-Kowloon Dock in an Easterly direction from the 16th to 21st Instants, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. All SHIPS, JUNES and other VESSELS are

AUTIONED to keep clear of the Ranges. By Command, W. M. DEANE.

Acting Colonial Secretary. COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE. Hongkong, 11th March, 1891.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG. the Matter of the Estate of the late

ANDREW ALLISON MCCASLIN.

MASTER MARINER, Deceased. OTICE is hereby given that the Honour able the CHIEF JUSTIOE having, in virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance 9 of 1870 made an Order limiting to the 14TH PAY OF

MAY, 1891, the time for sending in CLAIMS against the said Estate, All Creditors are hereby required to send in their CLAIMS to the Undersigned before the said date, and all Persons INDEBTED 471 to the said Estate are requested to make immediate Payment

Dated this 17th day of March, 1891. WOTTON & DEACON. Solicitors for the Breentors, 35, Queen's Road, Hongkong. LUZON BUGAR REFINING THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ninth Ordinary ANNUAL MEET. ITHE Eighth Ordinary General MEET. the purpose of receiving a Report from the of receiving the Report of the General. counts to the 31st December, 1890. be closed from the 16th to the 26th March, will be CLOSED from 15th to 30th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agenta. Hongkong, March 9, 1891.

Intimations. NOTICE. SPECTACLES AND EYE-GLASSES

Achromatic Spectacles, AS DEED BY ALL OROWNED HEADS OF EUROPE.

All the principal opthalmie surgeons in England, India and Europe prescribe them to their patients. Mr. L. ABRAHAMSON OCULIST-OPTICIAN. is now in HONGKONG and may be con-

sulted at the CONNAUGHT HOUSE. FOR TEN DAYS ONLY | 490 A OUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co., (From J. BROADWOOD & SONS and COLLARD & COLLARD), Will shortly OPEN a BRANCH House in Hongkong and show a Large and Varied PIANOS, and ORGANS.

and every description of MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, SALE, HIRE,

Purchase by Monthly Payments. We shall be prepared to undertake the REPAIRING or REBUILDING THROUGHOUT of PIANOS, PIPE or

REED ORGANS, &c., on Free Estimates. We employ a Large Staff of Native Work men, and all our Foreign Tuners & Repairers have been trained in the best Factories, and we will GUARANTEE all our Work. - MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co... LONDON, SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA, 16 Years' Extensive Experience in China and the only Firm of trained and practical people devoting themselves entirely to the MUSIC AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

WANTED.

SECOND-HAND ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLE. Apply to 'A. B. C., care of China Mail

Hoogkong, March 10, 1891. COMPANY, LIMITED,

ING of SHAREHOLDERS in the I ING of SHAREHOLDERS will be above Company will be held at the Oppics held at the Oppics of the Company, Praya signed with a List of their Contributions of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on Central, on MONDAY, the 30th March, at for the year anding 31st December, 1890, in THURSDAY, the 26th March, at Noon, for 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose Order that the DISTRIBUTION of BONUS General sigents with a Statement of Ac. Managers, declaring a Dividend, and elect prior to the 31st pay or Managers, counts to the 31st December, 1890. ing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. will be adjusted by the Office, and no The Transfer Books of the Company will The Transfer BOOKS of the Company Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted. both days inclusive.

> RUSSELL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, March 12, 1891.

For Sale. FOR BALE.

Thoroughbred NEWFOUNDLAND 1 DOG. Three Months Old. Apply to Contain Wilson, ship Ther- by Public Auction, on -Hongkong, March 19, 1891.

FOR SALE. DOG CART and PONY, and ENGLISH HARNESS never used. This Pony is a perfect LADY'S HAOK. CAPTAIN GARDINER.

Hongkong, March 19, 1801.

FOR SALE. COLLARD AND COLLARD COTTAG U PIANO-Trichord-Iron Frame, built to stand chinate—polished dark Oav Case— GLASS, and MARBLE-TOP WASHISTAND. in First Rate Condition ; oan be seen on application to

A. H. OUGH, ISADALE, KOWLOON. Hongkong, March 14, 1891.

FOR SALE. TO CLEAR. OHEAPI QUANTITY OF LADY'S WATER-PROOFS of different qualties.

from \$2.50 each upwards. G. R. LAMMERT, Duddell Street. Hongkong, March 13, 1891.

Notices of Firms.

NOTIUE.

WE Have This DAY OPENED a BRANCH of our Firm at HANKOW. BRANCH of our Firm at HANKOW. CARLOWITZ & Co. Hongkong, March 19, 1891.

> PACIFIC MAIL STEAM SHIP COMPANY.

> > NOTICE.

TAURING my Absence from Hongkong; Mr. J. S. VAN BUREN takes CHARGE of the Business of the Company as ACTING AGENT.

CHAS. D. HARMAN, Hongkong, March 14th, 1981,

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAM SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE. DURING my Absence from Hongkong, Mr. J. S. VAN BUREN tokes CHARGE of the BUEINESS of the Company as ACTING AGENT. CHAS. D. HARMAN,

Hongkong, March 14th, 1801.

Intimations. STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be OLOSED at HEAD OFFICE, SINGAPORE, from the 11th to the 26th March next, both days inclusive. ROBT. BAIRD.

Roughong, February 26, 1891. THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHIE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COM-PANY, LIMITED THE Fifth Ordinary Half-Yearly MEET

ING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Queen's Road, on TUESDAY, the Stat March, 1891, at 4 o'Clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 30th Sep-

tember, 1899. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 30th Instant, both days inclusive. \_\_\_A. O'D. GOURDIN.

Hongkong, March 16, 1891, THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHIE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COM-

PANY, LIMITED.

TOTICE is hereby given that an EX-TRAORDINARY MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Lompany No. 9, Queen's entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 31st | carried. March, 1891, at 4.15 of the o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering and, if though fit, passing Resolutions to alter the Articles of Association by striking out paragraph 2 of article 6, and paragraph 5 of Article 13, and to authorize the Directors to increase the Capital of the Company by the issue of 60,000 New Shares of 31 each. Further to authorize the Company to further increase its Capital from time to time to such amount as may be deemed expedient. A Resolution will also be proposed authorizing the Directors to abandon or otherwise dispose of the Sunghie Dua

By Order of the Board, A. O'D. GOURDIN. Secretary. Hongkong, March 17, 1891.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,

LIMITED

Samantan property.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1890. CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE are requested to Furnish the Undermay be arranged. Returns not rendered

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, UANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED. Hongkong, March 2, 1891.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION, THE Undersigned has received instruct tions from Captain HUNTER, to Sell

THE WHOLE OF THE

TUESDAY, the 24th March, 1891, at 2.30 p.m., at his Residence, No. 4, Richard Terrace,-

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, & comprising :--TAPESTRY-COVERED DRAWING-BOOM SUITE MARBLE-TOP CENTRE TABLE, CHIMNEY GLASS, PIOTURES, CURIO STAND and ORNA TEAK EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDE

BOARD and WHATNOT. CROOKERY, GLASS and PLATED-WARE. DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS, IRON COTS, DOUBLE WARDRORE with GLASS Doon, CHEST of DRAWERS, BUREAU With .ONE IRON FRAME COTTAGE PIANO, by HAARE.

Catalogues will be issued. TERMS OF SALE .- As oustomary. J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Houghong, March 17, 1891. PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instruc-

WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of March, 1891, at 3 o'Clock p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road Control (By Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong) The Assets and Effects of the Firm of

going concorn, comprising the necessary and valuable Business of Undertakers carried on by the said Firm. The Assets and Effects comprise HEARSES, HORSES and HARNESS, and all the other necessary PARA-PHERNALIA and TRAPPINGS for carrying on the Business of Under-

tions of Sale may be obtained from the Undersigned, and from Messrs Johnson, STORES & MASTER, of the Supreme Court House. Solicitors for the Vendors. Orders to view may be obtained from the Undersigned.

J. M ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer. Hongkong, March 17, 1891.

Snipping. Steamers. SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND

YOKOHAMA. The Steamship Breconshire,
Captain Jackson, will
be despatched on or about the 23rd Instant.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Hongkong, March 16, 1891. STEAM TO STRAITS & BOMBAY. (Calling at COLOMBO if sufficient inducement offers.)

For Freight or Passage, apply to

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship Teheran, Captain C. D. Sams, R. R. will leave for the above places on WEDNESDAY, the 25th Inst., at Noon. E. L. WOODIN.

& O. S. N. Co.'s Office. Hongkong, March 11, 1891. CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND

--- Superintendent.

The Co.'s Steamship W. Allison, Comm'der, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 25th Instant. The aftention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabins are stuated forward of the Engines Second-class Passengers are berthed in the Poop. A Refrigerating Chamber ensure the supply of Fresh Provisions during the

PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE

Hongkong, March 17, 1891 OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR SHANGHAI PIA AMOY. Taking Cargo and Pussengers at through rates

for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW.

CHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW

and Ports on the YANGTSZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship Prometheus, Captain WEBSTER, Will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 26th Instant, For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Hongkong, March 18, 1891. GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS. FOR LONDON FIA SUEZ CANAL The Steamship

Captain Duke, will be despatched as above on or about the Sist Instante This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, March 9, 1891.

Shipping.

Steamers.

STEAM-TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGA SAKI AND KOBE. (Passing through the INLAND, SEA.) The P. & O. S. N. Co. s Captain F. H. SEYMOUR,

will leave for the above places TO-MOR-ROW, the 21st Instant, at Daylight. E. L. WOODIN. . & O. S. N. Co.'s Office.

Hongkong, March 20, 1801. INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSZE.) The Co.'s Steamship Canton. Captain Sertar, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 21st Instant, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, March 19, 1891.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUL The Co.'s Steamship Hailoong. Capt. BATHURST, will be despatched for the above Ports-on SUNDAY, the 22nd Instant, at

Hongkong, March 19, 1891. AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG COLOMBO AND BOMBAY

General Managers.

The Co. s Steamship

Melpomene,

Capt. A. Mirris, will be
despatched as above on the 22nd Inst., at 10 o'clock, taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, BLACK SEA, LEVANT AND ADBIATIO PORTS. Cargo will not be received on board after 3 p.m. prior to date of sailing.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Hongkong, March 12, 1891.

The Co.'s Steamship Teucer. Captain RILEY, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 22nd Inst., at Noon.

Hougkoug, March 18, 1801. COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Co.'s Steamship Wingsang. be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 25th Instant, at

meet the requirements of tropical climates. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

above Ports on SATURDAY, the 28th Inst., For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,

FOR NEW YORK The 3/3 L.1.1. American Ship CROSEY, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The 8/3 L.I.I. American Ship Goodwan, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

Hongkong, January 15, 1891. NOW READY

BY E. H. PARKER. Can be obtained from KRILY & WALSH at Shanghai and Hongkong, at Laws,

462 China Mail Office.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT.)

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, TIENTSIN.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY. L tions to Sell by Public Auction, on .-LIMITED.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA

This Steamer has superior First-class Accommodation, specially constructed to General Managers.

Hongkong, March 17, 1891

The Co.'s Steamship Capt. J. B. MACMILLAN, will be despatched for the Milke Maru

Hongkong, March 18, 1891. Sailing Vessels.

Hongkong, January 31, 1891.

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Hongkong, September 4, 1890.

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W. H. P. OLE, Manager. Hongkong, March 20, 1891. THEATRE ROYAL, between daily. All

TO-MORROW (Saturday), 21st March. Under the distinguished Patronage of Him EXCRELENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR G. WILLIAM DES VIEUX, E.C.M. d., and LADY DES VEUX.

MISS LOUISE JORDAN and ORIGINAL COMPANY, in HAMLET. CAST OF CHARACTERS Claudius, King of Den . | My J. H. Nnun.

Hamlet, Prince of Dan-Mr G. C. MILN. Polonius, Court Cham Mr Joe Stork borlain ..... Lacrtes, a Courtier .... Mr W. J. Mont. Horatio, a Scholar, Friend to Hamlet ... Rosencrantz | Courtiers ! Mr H. Hall. Mr A. Money. Guildenstern J Miss D. Thacker. Mr H. Norman Marcellus ...... Mr L. Herbert. Bernardo ..... Mr Jas. Brooke. Ghost of Hamlet's Father Mr Wilmot Eure First Actor ...... Mr C. Wakefield. Second Actor ...... Miss R. Bowgeto. First Grave Digger ..... Mr C. Edvott. Second Grave Digger ... Mr Chas, Clarke Gertrude, Queen of Den- | Miss Kate Don.

Player Queen ...... Miss Frances Ross. OPHELIA .... Miss LOUISE JORDAN LORDS, LADIES, SQUDIERS, PLAYERS, PRIEST, &C.

During the Burial of 'OPHELIA,' an ORIGINAL DIRGE, Specially Composed for Mr. GEO. C. MILN, will be chanted by a number of Gontlemen Amsteurs. POPULAR PRICES :- 82 and \$1. Soldiers and Sailors Half-Price to Pit. Box Plan at Messre KELLY & WALSH'S.

NOTICE the close of the Performance. Doors Open 8.30; Overture 8.50. Curtain

rises 9 o'clock prompt. For Programme of OFFICE of the Company at Hongloing. Senson see Hand Bille. Hongkong, March 20, 1891. ROYAL,

CITY HALL

THE HONGKONG AMATEL DRAMATIC CLUB.

THE above CLUB will give PERFORMANCE MONDAY, March 30th,

TUESDAY, March 31st, When will be produced an Orionan Comes by JAMES ALBERY, ontitled TWO ROSES.

By kind permission of Lieur.-Colones CHATER and the OFFICERS, the BAND of the 1st Battn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders will perform during the evening.

Tickets can be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. on and after Mox. day, March 23rd, at 11 a.m.

PRICE, - - - \$2 and \$1. Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Performance to commence at 9 o'Clock p.m. Hongkong, March 16, 1891.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK. The Company's Stoamer

Somdetch Phra Nang, Captain R. Jones, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 24th Instant, at 9 a.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

YUEN FAT HONG, Hongkong, March 20, 1891. STEAM TO KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. (Calling at NAGASAET if sufficient inducement offers.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co. Steamship Captain W. L. BROUN, will leave for the above places on or about FRIDAY, the 27th Instant, at Daylight. E. L. WOODIN. \*

Superintendent. P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office. Hongkong, March 20, 1891. FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ .-

The Steamship Captain BROOKER, will on or about THURSDAY, the 2nd April. For Freight, apply to .

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

Hongkong, March 20, 1891.

To-day's Advertisements.

MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COURSEL, UK-DER SECTION & OF ORDINANCE NO. 16 OF 1886, (THE STAMP ORDINANCE), THIS 14TH DAY OF MARCH, 1891.

POSTAGE STAMPS of the value of Two CENTS may be used in lieu of Rerenne Stamps of the same value. 2. On and after the 1st day of July, 1891, the value of the STAMP required for REcerers, ele., under Item, No. 32 of the Schedule to Ordinance No. 16 of 1886, shall be Two CERTS instead of Three Cents as at present.

A. M. THOMSON; Acting Clerk of Conneils. COUNCIL CHAMBER,

· Hongkong

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

I NFORMATION has been received from MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from Kowloon East Battery in South-Easterly and Westerly directions on the 23no INSTANT, and from the Batteries at Stonecutters' Island in a South-Westerly direction on the 24TH, 25TH and 26TH INSTANTS. between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

All Super, Junes and other Vessels are CAUTIONED to keep clear of the Rauges.

By Command, W. M. DEANE. Acting Volorial Secretary. COLUNIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Hongkong, March 19th, 1891.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG. IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the Matter of EDUARDO BARROS. a Benkrupt.

NTOTICE is hereby given that a MEET. No. 38. ING of CREDITORS of Envarion Mr J. B. Athol- BARROS will be held before the REGISTRAR of the said Court, on THURSDAY, the 2ml day of April, 1891, at 11 o'Clock in the Forenoon precisely, for the purpose of de- Public Business, but Work at the Opium claring a Dividend. CREDITORS who have not yet proved must

do so on or before the said 2nd day of April, 1891. Dated the 18th day of March, 1891. RDW. J. ACKROYD,

Registrar. SOCIÉTÉ FRANCAISE DES CHARBONNAGES DU TONKIN.

> SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME, WITH A

FRANCS 4,000,00 TSSUE, authorized by the SHERRHOLDERS of 5,000 DEBEN TURES of \$100 each, makeng a som of \$500,000.

There have been issued 3,50 / BONDS of \$100 each, making a sum of \$350,000. APPLICATIONS will now be Received for the ISSUE of the BALANCE of 2,500 BONDS of \$100 each, making a sum of

The DEBENTURES are payable on the 30th September, 1896, or on such earlier A SPECIAL THEATRE TRAM will leave the day as the principal monies thereby seemed Peak at 8.45 and return 15 minutes after shall become payable, in accordance with the conditions embersed thereon. A Form of the Dobenture can be seen at the BRANCH

The DEBENTURES will be issued at Par for sums of \$100 each, and will carry Interest from the 1st day of April, 1891, at the rate of \$8 Per Cent. per annum, payable Half-Yearly on the 30th September, and the 3lst March in each year, at the HEAD OFFICE at Hongay, or at the Branch Office of the Company at Hongkong, upon presentation of Coupons annexed to the

The PROPERTY of the Company has been conveyed to the Honourable CATCHICK PAUL CHATER as a Trustee for securing the Payment of the Principal Monies and Interest payable in respect of the Deben-

The sum of \$100 must be paid for each Debenture on allotment. Failure to pay the sum due on allotinent will render the allotment liable to Cancella-

Forms of Application moy be obtained at the BRANCH OFFICE of the Company at APPLICATIONS will CLOSE on SA

TURDAY, the 28th March, 1891, at Noon. By Order of the Board of Directors, CARL GEORG, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 19, 1821.

NOTICE. THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME Fourth Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, on TUESDAY, the 31st March, 1891, at 4 p.m. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to 31st

Instant, both days inclusive. By Order, -A. G. GORDON & Co., LTr., Managers

Hongkong, March 20, 1891.

TO BE LET NOW. NO. 3, WILD DELL BUILDINGS. Wanchai Road, 5-Rooms. - Rent \$30. -A Comfortable Family HOUSE in RICH-MOND TERRACE; occupied by Mr. J.

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Apply to JOHN A. JUPP, The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Ld. Hongkong, October 4, 1800.

Business Notices.

HOMONOMO 4, Quein HUNGIVUNG Road.

TRADING OF LIMP

SHIPMENT UILTS, DIAPERS

> INDIA LONG CLOTHS. LINEN and COTTON SHEETINGS

Samples and Prices on Application.

New Premises, opposite Connaught House.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Date of Leaving. Destination Norddeutscher Lloyd, April 11, at 11 a.m. Bromen & Ports of Callidachsen (s)....... . P. & O. S. N. Co ..... March 27, daylight Kobé and Yokohama. Thibet (a)... Butterfield & Swire ... March 22, at noon. London, v. Suez Canal Teucer (s) ..... Jardine, Matheson&Co About March 31. London, v. Suez Canal Glenogle (s).... Mossageries Meritimes March '5, at noon, Marsodles, v. Saigon, Natal (s)..... Adamson, Bell & Co... About March 23. N'saki, Kobé & Y'hama Brec mahire (a).... Geo. R. Stavens & Co. March 28, at 5 p.m. N'anki, Kobé & Y'hama Miiko Maru (a)... ... Russell & Co....... Quick despatch. New York ..... Imperial ..... Butterfield & Swire ... March 25. Port Darwin, &c ..... Tsinan (8) ..... .... 0. & O. S. S. O ..... March 24, daylight. S. Francisco, v. Mpatr (Lulie (a)...... Pacific Muil S. S. Co. April 2, at 1 p.m. S Francisco, v. Japan China (8). ...Russell & Co..... Quick despatch. San Francisco......Sterling ..... Jardine, Matheson & Oo March 21, at 3 p.m. Shanghai ..... Canton (6). Butterfield & Swire March 26. Shanghai, via Amoy ... Promo heus (s) .. Jardine, Matheson & Co March 25, at 3 p.m. S'pore, Penang & O'tta Wingsang (8) ..... D. Sassoon, Sons & Co. Mar. 22, at 10 a.m. Straits, C'b & B'bay .. Molpom no (s). . P. & O. S. N. Co. ... March 25, at noon. Straits and Bombay .... Toheran (s)..... Douglas Lapraik & Co March 22, daylight. Swatow, Amoy & Taui Hailoong (s) ..... Swatow and Bangkok, Somdetch Phra Nang(s) Yuen Fat Hong...... March 24, at 3 a m. Vancouver (B.C. i. & : Empress of India (s)... Canadian P'fic R. Co., April 7, at noon.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

N FRIDAY NEXT, the 27th Instant I that being Good FRIDAY, this OFFICE will be CLOSED to the Transaction of all Hulk and Stations will proceed as usual. J. McLEAVY BROWN. Commissioner of Customs,

for Kowloon and District CUSTOM HOUSE, Kowloon, 20th March, 1891.

STOCKBROKERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

IN TO CONTRACTS for SHARES of the BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS (late Trust and Loan Company of China Japan and the Straits) maturing on 25TH INSTANT

For the convenience of the concerned the Committee of the above Association have appointed SATURDAY, the 4th Proximo. as a sp. cial Settling day for the New Issue: W. H. YOUNG.

How. Secretary. Hongkong, March 20, 1891.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA. CHEWISTS, de.

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TELEPHONE No. 60. Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

SHIPPING. ARRIVALS.

March 20, 1891 .-Sishen, British steamer, 845, E. F. Stovell, Saigon March 15, 5.20 a.m., Rice, Paddy, Fish, &c. - CHINESE. Taichiow, British str., 862, R. Unsworth Bangkok March 12, and Koh-si-chang 13, General, -YUEN FAT HONG.

DEPARTURES. March 20 :- . Phra Navy, for Bangkok, Protos, for Saigon. Haitan, for Swatow. Keemun, for Singapore an London. Tetartos, for Singapore. Riv ridale, for Nagasaki. General Werder, for Yokohama.

Sachsen, for Shangliai. Yungchirus, for Shanghai. Sterling, for San Francisco. Nanshan, for Hoihow. Axachie for Colm.

PASSENGERS. ARRIVED.

Per Sishan, from Saigon, 30 Chinese. Per Taichiow, from Bangkok, Mr Clifford, and I Chinese.

DEPARTED. Per Haitan, for Swatow, Mr J. Bossbard, Mr and Mrs Chun Ah Soo and child; for Amoy, Dr E. Bedloo, Mesara C. H. Best 2262 and S. Darly for Foochow, Mr and Mrs

C. Popoff, Messra H. Jaeger and A. Rassadin, and Captain Li Ho. Per Phra Nang, for Bangkok, 12 Chinese. Per Protos, for Suigon, 60 Chinese. Per Keeman, for Singapore, 2 Europeans

For Tetarios, for Singapore, 345 Chinese. To DEPART. Per Yungching, for Shanghai, 8 Chinese. Per Naushan, for Hoihow, 100 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The British steamer Sishan reports : Rounded Cape St. James 15th March, 10.53 n.m.; Cape Padaran 16th, 3.00 a.m., mode-569 rate and fresh breeze to the 17th, when strong breeze set in accompanied with head

sea, which continued to the Islands when foggy weather was experienced, passed Green Island 20th March, 0.45 a.m. The British steamer faichiow reports: Left Bangkok on the 12th, and Koh-sichang on the 13th March; from there to Pulo Obi moderate S.E. wind and fine weather : from Pulo Obi to Paracels, mode: rate to light wind and cloudy weather; from there to 100 mil s from port, light Easterly wind with high N.E. swell, and dense foggy weather.

POST OFFICE NOTICES. MAILS will close:-

For SHANGHAL -Por Yang Ching, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 21st inst., instead of as proviously notified. Per Canton, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, - the 2 lat inst.

For SWATOW -AMOY & TAMSUL Per Hailoong, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st inst. For HOIHOW & SINGAPORE. Per Naushan, at 5 p.m., on Saturday,

the 21st inst., instead of as previously notified. For AMOY,-Per Tui Les, at 8.30 a.m., on Sunday, the 22nd inst.

For STRAITS & BOMBAY .-Per Teheran, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 25th inst. For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA Per Milke Maru, at 4.30 p.m., on Satur-

day, the 28th inst. Quotations. Новоково, March 20, 1891. OPIUM-New Patus, cash, ... 400-

New Benares, cash, 465 cash, -New Malwa cash, .. 490 Allowance, Taels ... 48/64 Old Malwa, cash ... 500/530 Allowance, Taels ... 15/32 Persian, Oily, cash, 450/70 Allowance, Table ... 32/48 Persian, Paper tied 420/40 Allowance, Taels.... 64/80

Exchange. HONGRONG, March 20.

On London -Bank, Wire, ... ... ... 3/2 On demand. 30 days' sight, ... --4 months' sight, ... 3/24 Oredits, 4 1 Documentary, 4months sight, 3/31 On Paris-On demand, ... ... ... 4.62 Crodits, 4 months' sight, .... 4.11 On demand, ... 3.22 On New York-On demand. Credits, 60 days' sight, ... 792 On Bombay-On domand, On Calcutta-Wire, ... ... 220 On demand, ... ... 220 On Shanghai-On demand, ... 712 30 days' sight, private paper, 722 Gold Leaf, 100 fine .... \$32.60p, tae

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)\$ 6.18 General Memoranda. SUNDAY, March 22:1-Goods per Chinggeo undelivered after this

date subject to rent. Monday, March 23:-3 p.m.-Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at Company's Office.

Goods por Borneo undelivered after this date subject to rent. this date subject to rent Transfer Books of The Steam Lanne Instant, inclusive.

UESDAY, March 24 :-2,30 p.m.-Auction of Household Farm ture, &c., at the Residence of Captain Huntor, No. 4, Richmond Terrace. Goods per Macduff undelivered after this date subject to rent. 9 p.m .- Performance at the City Hall,

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW. Shipping. Daylight - Verona leaves for Japan. 3 p.m. - Canton leaves for Shanghai, Meeting.

11 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the General Agents-Office. Miscellaneous.

9 a.m. - Artillery Practice. 1.30 p.m. -Hongkong Schools' Athletic 3.30 p.m.—Competition of the Hongkong Rifle Association.

Amusements. 9 p.m. - Performance at the City. Hall.

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The publication of this issue commenced 8.05 p.m.

The China Minil.

HONGRONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1891.

Amp the cloud of words in which the ques- might be found in the gross rental in the instant, at 5.30 p.m. tion of the increased military contribution | United Kingdom, which is estimated at was enveloped at yesterday's meeting of something like £220,000,000 and the gross Council, it is somewhat difficult to discri- rental of land and houses in Hongkong, minate the real issues involved. The Go- but there are many qualifying circumvernor overlooked the fact that what the stances that must be taken into considera-Council was called upon to do was to revote tion. Rental represents a bigger share o £20,000 which had been voted about 12 revenue in Hongkong than it does in Engmonths ago on the distinct understanding land. that the garrison was to be increased. The There is no use attempting to establish unofficials said then to the Imperial Go, an artificial division between Colonial and vernment :- You are to give us increased Imperial interests in Hongkong. We are for this port. security; we are grateful for it, and to show an integral part of the empire, and the welour appleciation of your conduct, we will- fare of each is so bound together that a Tue changes in the Share List to-day are as ingly agree to pay £40,000 instead of £20,000 separation is impossible. In this respect follow: - Macao Steamboats, \$364, cash, a year towards the defence of the empire." we occupy a totally different position from sales; China Sugars, \$211 cash; Luzons, They now say :- You have not kept faith | that occupied by the large self-governing \$100, cash ; Trust and Loan, \$181; with us; the garrison has not been in- colonies. In their case, it may be an easy Tramways, \$60; Borneo Stores, \$50. creased, it has even been diminished; we matter to estimate the value of services will not pay for benefits we have not re- rendered. In the case of Hongkong, it is WE learn that the British barque Africa, ceived. Their position is logically consist as impossible to do so as it is impossit while lying at suchor wind-bound off Cape tent. They could not agree to the vote ble to estimate the services rendered by St James, was run into by the French Mail submitted to them yesterday, without the empire to Pertemouth or London, steamer Caledonien. The barque lost some openly declaring that the resolutions they It is for this reason that we think the un- headgear and her jibboom; while the mail passed about twelve months ago, setting officials are not wise in making the military | boat was raked fore and aft on the port forth the reasons which led them to acquiesce vote depend altogether on the amount of side, and her mainmast was broken in two. in the increase, were meaningless and in- service rendered to Hongkong, as it gives The Africa, which had been into Saigon, sincere. The position they then took up the Imperial authorities a pretext for mak- was bound to Haiphong with part cargo. was practically this: '£20,000 (plus what is ing us pay for all the whime they may take being paid directly for forts and indirectly into their heads to carry out in Hongkong, The opening performance by Mr G. C. Milu for many other things) is an ample con- and it increases the difficulty of combating and his large dramatic company will take tion part passe. Now, we do not say true attitude is this -We are willing to pay Shakapearian plays placed before them by a only carrying out the policy they had all ing that share account must be taken of all.

THE USUAL Easter Meeting of the Hongkong along followed, when they strennously re- the moneys paid for defensive purposes and sisted the attempt to obtain the money for of the peculiar privileges enjoyed by the 1890 on an entirely different basis.

that what was stated about the despatch of considerations as are involved in the strug white troops was a pure misapprehension gles of a pioneer colony burdened, as A on the part of the Colonial Office. The Fleming hints at, with a great civilisis, War Office authorities nover had any intention to send souther British regiment to China, the insecurity of our position as Goods per Wingsang undelivered after to despatch an Indian regiment, and they thought it clever diplomacy to put forward Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 31st this intention in a most attractive form so as to lead us to believe that the regiment was to be sent forthwith and so as to induce us to pay without a murmur the increased contribution and leave the way open for Council sttempted to bind them down to Horn.

specific promises the authorities shifted their ground at once, and said 'We want the increased contribution; what we said about augmenting the garrison has nothing to do with the aubject; £10,000 is only fair contribution towards the defence you already get.' This is a way of doing business which may be consistent with diplomacy, but is scarcely consistent with com-

mon honesty.

At the same time, while we are quite willing to endorse every Mr Whitehead said in condemnation of the procedure of the War Office, we must admit there is some force in what the Governor said about the ultimate issue involved-namely, Is the demand for an increased contribution, without an increase of the garrison, a just one per se! This issue ought to have been considered in December last when the vote of £40,000 for 1891 was placed before the Council, for by that time the promise of an immediate increase of the garrison had been withdrawn and the question before the Council then was-is £40,000 a fair contribution to the defence of the Empire under existing circumstances. We think it is a pity that the unofficial members did not fairly face this question and bring forward solid arguments to show that the de-The Canadian Pacific s. s. Parthia, from mand for £40,000, plus the other large direct and the indirect contributions, is unfair. Instead of doing that the unofficials took up the attitude offended honour; they, to use a somewhat We continue to supply large bottles vulgar word, 'funked.' Now there was undoubtledly some excuse for their adopting this attitude, for they had been shamefully treated, but it is impossible to get whenever practicable, are despatched by over the fact that if the demand for the double contribution on the present basis of and placed on board ship at Hongkong defence is a just one, the treatment, although it might justify them in declining to pay the second £20,000 for 1890, extorted under false protences, did not justifythem in permanently refusing to pay a just claim. Therefore we come back to the real point which underlies the question of the permanent military contribution and which even has considerable bearing on the special question discussed at last meeting-the revote of the £20,000 for 1890. -Is £40,000 a fair contribution, taking all other payments, direct and indirect, into consider. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's new steamer ation? We have endeavoured on several occasions to show that it is excessive, but we must confess that the figures at our disposal are not so full as to warrant absolutely definite conclusions. Governor Des Vœux says he thinks the sum is not excessive, but he brings forward no figures in support of his argument. It is very difficult to establish a comparison between the

wealth of this colony-a very indefinite

quantity-and the wealth of England; but

if the unofficial members, or the Chamber-

meeting is called, gather up all the in-

able to bring forward some convincing

formation that can be got, they might be 4th Page.

tribution for the amount of protection their plea that the Colony ought to pay a place to morrow evening, when Hamlet ... we receive; if you increase the protect large share if not the whole of the money will be played. As it is not often Hongtion, we will increase the contribut spent in the defence of the Colony. The kongites have the opportunity of seeing that this is the wisest attitude to assume; our fair share, on the basis of the wealth of company with the numerical strength and but it was the one assumed when the vote | the place, of the expenditure incurred for | reputation of Mr. Miln's company, a large was first passed, and the unofficials were the defence of the empire, and in estimat- audience is a certainty. military in the Colony. If the question i No one, not even the Governor, has a approached in this way, we think it will be good word to say for the War Office. Ws found that £40,000, in all, would be about acquit that department of a wilful attempt a fair share; and in stating this sum, we to deceive, and we are willing to believe leave out of account all such sentimental mission towards the vast dark empire Hongkong. They had a vague intention distributing centre, and the fact that we have absolutely no voice in the expenditure the money we vote. Perhaps we may able to give some figures in support of our contention at an early date.

> You can pick out a dozen people in every community who would demoralize Heaven

TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.

(Via Southern Line.) MR GLADSTONE'S CRITICISMS.

LONDON, 18th March. Mr Gladstone, speaking at Hastings, expressed himself satisfied with the Marquis of Salisbury's Foreign Policy, but severely oriticised finance. He declared his adherence to the Home Rule programme.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

PASSED SURZ CANAL. OUTWARD BOUND :- Delta, Feb. 20 ; Glenfrain, 24; Malwa, Moyane, Maria Teresa, Oceana, 27; Djemnah, Titan, Yungping, March 3; Northern, 6; Achilles, Chingping, 10.

MEWARD BOUND -Palamed Feb. 13: Lacrtes, 17 ; Hesperia, 24; Anchiecs, Glenearn, 27; Ajax, Diomed, Glentyon, March 3; Kriemhild, 6; Bayern, Saghalien, Pingmey, 10. The Canadian Pacific s. s. Empress of India

left England on the 8th Feb., passed the Canal on the 24th Feb., and may be expected here on or about March The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s. s. China, with the AMERICAN MAIL of Feb. 26th, left Yokohama on Tuesday, 17th March,

at daylight, and may be expected here

on or about Monday, the 23rd March.

Vancouver, left Yokohama for Hongkong via ports on March 13. The Austro-Hung. L. S. N. Co.'s atesmahin Melpomene, from Bombay, left Singapore for this port on March-15th, and may be expected here on or about the

21st March. The Shire Line s. s. Breconshire, from London, &c., loft Singapore on 16th March, and may be expected here on

or about the March 22, The Union Line s.s. Glenmoren left Singapore on the 17th March, and may be expected here on or about March 23rd. The P. and O. Co.'s steamship Penelia left Singapore on March 17th, afternoon, and may be expected here on or about March 23.

The O. S. S. Co. s s s. Prometheus, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 18th March, and may be expected here on or about the 25th March. The China Shippers Mutual S. N. Co.'s s.s. Moune, from London and Liver-

pool, left Singapore on 19th March. and may be expected here on or about the 25th March. Hiroshima Maru, from London and Middlesbro', left Singapore on March 19th, and may be expected here on or

about March 25th.

THE Golf match announced the other day has been unavoidably postponed till Saturday, the 28th inst.

A 'LADIES' Concert' will be given by the

The P. & O. steamer Lombardy left Bom-

bay for this port on 18th March.

Hongkong Musical Club in St. George's Hall on Thursday, 9th April. of Commerce, would, before the public THE Report for 1890 of the Water and Drainage Department will be found on our

proof of the unfairness of the demands. The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. made upon the Colony by the Imperial Co. informs us that the P. & O. s. s. Lomauthorities. One basis of comparison bardy left Bombay for this port on 18th THE China Shippers Mutual Co.'s steamer

Moyune, from London and Liverpool, left

Singapore for this port on the 19th inst.

and may be expected here on or about the MESSES Geo. R. Stevens & Co. inform us that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's new steamer Hiroshima Mari, from London and Middlesbro', left Singapore yesterday

Rifle Association will be held on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 27th, 28th and 30th inst. There are 31 Competitions, including Aggregates, to come off, and with good weather the meeting ought to be a successful one. There are separate Aggrogates for Volunteers, Members of Civil Service, Police, Navy and Army (Officers), Navy and Army (other than Commissioned Officers), and All comers. It is hoped that there will be a good number of entries under each of these heads, as all of them are open to all comers. The programms will be given to-morrow.

A MEAN man is never happy. THE most contemptible are generally the most contemptuous - Fielding. CHARITY should frequently begin at other people's homes.

THE most humble men in the world knows further demands. When, however, the in less than a week. - Indianapolis Ram's of suggestions he would like to offer the Lord .- Atchison Globs.

are now on the island. The Chinese passengers have also been landed. Mr Gillies, Secretary of the Dock' Co., and steamer early this evening in the Dock Co.'s tug-boat Pilot Fish, and application has been made to the Naval authorities to sond a vessel for the purpose of protecting this Nanzing.

ENGLISH CAPITAL IN TONKIN. M. BAVIER OBAUFFOUR ON HIS DEFENCE.

WE have received from the Societé Francuise des Charbonnages du Tonkin copy of a letter sent by M. Bavier Chauffour, Director General of the Company, to the membered that in November last a discussion took place in the French Chamber of Deputies on the action of the Colonial Government of Indo-China in allowing the Charbonnages Company to land at Hongay, duty free, railway material purchased in England. M. Clemenceau, the leader of a section of the Radical party in the Chamber, led the attack, which was afterwards taken up by the newspaper he inspires. La Justice. In its article on the subject our Paris contemporary made serious charges—serious at any rate in the opinion of most Frenchmon-against that the letter now replies. The first accusation is the employment of English capital. Colonies are regarded in France solely as dumping grounds for French goods and fields for French capital. it perish than that foreign nations should too much of a Frenchman himself to admit been far wrong had be declared that those . Owing to the obstacles apparently thrown who shared in the three millions expended in the way by these native authorities at have derived as much benefit out of the a distance the possibility of trade has been concern as the English investors are likely to do for some years to come; for he speaks (in January of this year) of still some months (encore quelque mois) elapsing before the galleries are in full activity and coal is obtained in large quantities. 'Encore quelque mois' has been the re- feel atroughy in the matter, frain of a good many reports.

of the railway material purchased Not only was Mr Bavier. capital to aid in the development of Tonkin, but he actually spent a little of this duct is edifying. In the month of June being given to the Company's representfavour more particularly the Societ In September offers were from Paris and London. advantageous that the Company could not. pass them over without seriously injuring its own interests. Leaving out of account the rails, the sleepers and the carriages, offered from London; the times of delivery and the prices of which were much more the English and French terms for the locomotives required. The only French works advantage in accepting any of the French offers that the material would have been and locomotives from different quarters, total for the 11 months of \$64,237.63. compelled to vote, or if he could remain. and would have to be transhipped at Saigon; whereas the London agent offered the timated from the previous collections at member was at the table he thought he whole material on bloc, to be delivered in about \$7,000, making the total collection must request him to vote.

THE STEAMER NANZING ASHORE. | 60 days after receipt of the order and to be | for the year, in round numbers, \$71.000. The steamer Manzing, from Manila, went | sent by a direct steamer and laid down from ashore to-day on Great Lauma Island, on the quay at Hongay. The acceptance News of the casualty was brought to the of the French offer meant delaying the Colony this evening by the second officer, whole work at Hongay 10 months, and M. who got to Abor 'een in a fishing junk and Bavior Chauffour argues that as Tonking came to Victoria in one of the Dock would have suffered from the delay asswell Co.'s launches. The vessel, it appears, is | as the Company, the only wise course was t ly to suffer much damage. The European the Government's action in giving up the passengers, of whom there were nine duties was only supported by a majority of on board - some of them ladies - 17 in the Chamber of Deputies, he declares were taken off the steamer and that the Company is now ready to pay the said duties. The letter ends with a verystrong denial of all sympathy on the part of M. Jules Ferry in the enterprise of the Capt. G. C. Anderson were by leave for the Company; to which that statesman was hostile from the f

> THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. The nunual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held this afternoon. Mr E. Mackintosh presided, and there were also present : Hon. J. J. Keswick, Hon. P. Ryrie, Mr W. H. Forbes, Mr. Hoppius, and Mr R. M. Gray, members of the Consulting Committee, and Hon. T. H. Whitchead, Messrs G. Wieler, Granville

The companies and individuals proposed

for election were duly elected. The Chairman-The Committee's remany features of very great interest, but there are some subjects which I think will merit attention at your hands. The first subject is the Convention between the Chinese Government and the Tolograph Comsay is, I think, not only acotched but killed. We see from the public prints that it is contemplated that a line of cable should be M. Bavier Chauffour. It is to these charges | laid between America and Japan via Honolulu. This will eventually help, I hope, to cheapen the rates that are charged for telegraph messages, but I hardly think that we shall be on an economical platform If as regards cost of messages until we have these things do not agree with the health the competition of the land lines in force of the colony, or if they cannot be had in between this and Europe, which are lesssufficient quantity to satisfy its wants, so expensive and less costly to keep up. The much the worse for the colony. Rather let next subject that we treat upon in our report is the additional article to the derive any benefit therefrom. It is al- Chefoo Convention and the opening of most impossible to persuade Frenchmen | Chungking. The fiasco that has deveof the suicidal character of this ultra-selfish loped through this ephemeral convention policy. M. Bavier Chauffour tries to do is a matter of the deepest fegret for so, but we do not suppose he will have much | the commercial public. I do not think we | success. He says in his letter that owing | should blame H. M. Minister at Peking | to the distrust of Tonkin which prevails in for want of success, for no doubt he has in-France, he was obliged to fall back on structions from the Home Government and pointed out wherein a lighthouse board English capital, that the Colony has already he has to follow them. Still after the conbenefited by the enterprise created thereby | vention opening trade to Chungking was and will bonefit much more when the mines granted it seems very regrettable that it are in operation, that of the three million should have been whittled down, so that france expended two millions were spent in only native boats, although owned by the colony itself and one in France, and foreigners, can be employed. This apthat not a farthing went to England until pears to be retrogression with a vengeance. it became necessary to purchase railway I do not think that the outcome redounds They would have shown to each successive material. All the personnel, engineers and at all to the credit of the British Govern- Governor that the original levy was made overseers, to the number of 100, he goes on ment. My own opinion is that the special to say, are French, and they all travelled privileges that we are supposed to have got by the French mail steamers. He might will amount to very little, that they will have added that the company had suffered not tend to tap the trade of this important a great precuniary loss by conforming district about which we were so hopeful. to this patriotic policy, but he is doubtless It also appears to me that the Imperial Goverument of China have little ability to conthis. And perhaps he might not have troi thuse officials at a distance fr m Peking. institution of a light house board there

authority that we should have attained the rights and the concessions that were granted under this convention. I may say that I Then we come to the question British trade with China was not built up by such vacillating and weak policy However the matter is finished and we Chaqifour so indiscrete as to obtain English | point we refer to is the Trade Marks must just accept the inevitable. The next Ordinance. Notwithstanding the recommendation of your committee the Government thought fit to pass the law although capital in England. The explanation he they have not the machinery to carry it out. gives of this atrociously unpatriotic con- This appears to me to be a considerable waste of energy. The paragraph about emigration of coolies from Swatow to British Ryrie. last year offers of material were solicited North Borneo touches an explanation that from France and England, instructions, is due to H. B. M. Consul at Swatow, In the correspondence in our last report we fauched on this subject and we appeared to ative in Paris, M. Henry Rouen, to give have given the Consul's certain amount of the preference to French houses and to umbrage, or rather he took exception to it. Colonial Secretary presiding. may say that notwithstanding this socailed free emigration from Swatow not a Alsacienne de Construction Mécaniques single native can be despatched to British North Borneo under the British flag although the Dutch Government has the pri. | member that a minute recommending a vilege, presumably under some concession Those from London were so much more from the Imperial Government of China. Victoria College was held over from the of arranging for regular departures to take | previous meeting in order that further inplace from Swatow to Sumatra. Under quiry might be made. A doubt arose as to the favoured-nation clause Great Britain is whether due consideration had been given entitled to the same privileges, but ap- to the matter of quarters. It has been parently they are not given. The offi- found that consideration has been given to cials appear to be unable to obtain that point, and therefore there is no undue such facilities for British North Borneo, increase in the amounts recommended by although the country is clammering for the Secretary of State. The history of this this particular class of dabour. I think | vote is that the \$1,830 for the increase of favourable, M. Bavier Chauffour draws part the colory of British North Borneo salaries of the masters of V ctoris College passionate allowance to the widow and talk of going into partnership, but the thing impression is that I did not see Mr country, but of a mild type, and I believe ticular attention to the difference between would gladly accept any of the restrict arose from a petition sent home by the Children of the late H. L. Mather, second was not finally settled. I met you in the Minhingett in connection with that trans. that the mortality has been small, Very tions or regulations that have been granted masters last year taking that they should lighthouse keeper. to the Dutch Government in order to ob. be allowed the same rise as the other ment. which offered machines were the establish- the light-house board. This is a subject of State has been pleased to approve of the salary for three years' service, but he Minhinnett on account of Mr Webber. I wanted something on account it manted something on account it may be account it may be account it manted something on account it may be account it is a subject of State has been pleased to approve of the salary for three years' service. ments, Cruesot, Compagnie de Fives-Lille which engressed the attention of your com- petition with the small modification that and a cheque for \$300, which was the amount proper care and food. I have twice visited meter of representation to several sucMecaniques. The first wanted 8 to 9 cessive Governors. I will have to trouble to year until the maximum is reached. I would be granted by the Secretary of State, Minhimsett any money on account of Mr Webber. I did not pay another note assumption that the maximum is reached. I would be granted by the Secretary of State, Minhimsett any money on account of Mr Webber. I did not pay another note asking if I could oblige the City where the friendless and those put him by paying \$500 on account of Mr him by paying \$500 on account of out to die are received. During the first months, the second 10 months, and the you with some figures on this point that have therefore to move that the same time precautious would be Webber. I paid Mr Webber \$1200, for the loan, I sent the \$500 at once. Chinese month about one hundred of this will present the matter in a practical \$1,850 be voted. third 9 months to a year, to deliver three form. According to a return furnilocomotives. There was the additional dis- shed by the Government there was March. a period of three months, on increasing salaries too. I will vote \$60 or \$70 to the recipients of the grant. \$8,119.99. On the 1st April the dues were sgainst all increases. sent in a piece-meal fashion, rails from one increased and from that date to the 30th. On the rote being put a division took stand this man had served the Government November the dues collected under the place. side, sleepers from another and carriages increased tariff were \$56,117.64, making a The Registrar General asked if he was

destrayed and it strikes me that if the

British Government had shown greater

firmness on this matter with the central

'On a similar besis we may take it that during each twelve months that these increased dues are in force a revenue \$85,000 will be collected, a r that at the end of 1892 the total receipts will be made up o about \$241,000 in three years. Now we turn also to a report furnished by the Government we find that the coat of he unkeep of the lighthouses, not including the Gap Rock, is \$6,600 a year not badly ashore and we believe is not like- give the orders to England. As, however, the Gap Rock, will not be completed this year. This will make the outlay \$19,800 for the three years. I do not believe that the Gap Rock can be finished and in working order until, say February or March next year. If we add to that an expenditure for the upkeep of the Gap Rock of \$4,200, which should be ample and then add the cost of the Gap Ruck. \$160,000, and put for the connecting able, we recommend \$70,000, we have total disbursement of \$254 0 10. the whole of this sum, with a tinued levy, will, be repaid end of February or March 1893, think I need hardly point out that the aucouss, the prosperity, the welfare of this colony depends solely upon its shipping In fact shipping is its lifebloid. There is no doubt about it. Our landed property, our revenue from land and everything of the kind is subservient to shipping. Our very hopes of becoming a manufacturing centre n the future depends upon our shipping. Each vessel that passes through this harbour adds to the revenue of the membors of the commercial society to an extent that would hardly be credited by mouth. Sharp, de Champeaux, L. Poesnecker, and the casual observer. I maintain therefore that it is the first duty of every colonist repel shipping. If possible we should do away with all official charges, and let. the place be widely known throughthe world as an absolutely free port (Applause.) The success of our contemplated manufacturing industries will depend upon our facilities to receive rates to all parts of the world. These levies of light-ducs are most unerringly eur marked. They are levied for a special purpose. To collect more than is abso-Intely necessary for the capital cost of these panies. This convention, I am happy to light-houses or for their upkcep, is distinctly bad. At home, I think I am right in stating that they endeavour as far as with expenditure. In fact I believe that every year an independent board makes calculation of what the probable nenditure a reduction is made so as to a month.

> light dues altogether and to throw them upon the Imperial revenue of Great Britain. Mr Ryrie-In America there are no light The Chairman-What have we done here! We have levied dues since the institution of light-houses in 1875, to the and of 1889 sufficient not only to extinguish the capital coat of the light-houses but to build up a fund the interest on which, if the money were invested, would pay for the upkeep all the light-houses in perpetuity. am sorry to say that, the have been merged in the general revenue. so that they are lost to the community. His Excellency asked that it should could do better than the Government has done. It is herein that the Government have done ill. A board such as your Committee proposed would have brought forcibly to the nutice of the Governor and the Government the alienation of funds that has been going on for the past 16 years. They would have, persistently than has been done in the past, shown the unwisdom of this procedure. on the distinct understanding that when the original cost of the light-houses was renaid the dues were to be reduced. When the question of the imposition of the dues to pay for the Gap Rock light was before the Council, His Excellency for himself recognised the justice of the reduction of the tariff when the capital cost was liquidated. Will his successor recognise his views on the subject i Thope that from the will develop a harbour board. I find no fault with the officials, but how can they be expected to know accurately the wants of trade? I hope the new committee will take up the question, which I think is one of the first importance to this colony. .Mr Mackintosh spoke at considerable length on several other subjects toucled upon in the report, such as Sunday labour the reduction of postage &c. He a'so referred to the Namoa piracy and the trade | the last two instalments to be paid for the in a previous case had admitted that he payment. I received the next pay writ, and costs. of the colony, denouncing very strongly the gambling spirit which prevailed. A full report of this concluding part of his speech and of the rest of the meeting will be Sharp siso spoke, the latter referring in very

bring about an equilibrium of revenue and

expenditure. I may say also that I have

seon it stated that there is a strong move

ment at Home to abolish the collection of

and Mr Keswick was elected Vice, Chairman. The following committee was elected. enable: -Messrs W. H. Forbes, R. M. Grav. H. Hoppius, F. da Bovis, C. J. Bolliday, Hon, J. J. Keswick, E. Mackintosh, St. C. Michaelsen, Hon. P.

strong language to the gambling mania.

FINANCE COMMITTEE. A meeting of the Finance Committee was held after the Council meeting, the Acting THE SALARIES OF THE MASTERS OF VICTORIA

The Chairman-Hon, members will revote for additional pay to the masters of

There is one month more to complete the pentral.

year. The return for that may be es- The Chairman gaid that as the hou,

The votes were recorded as follows :-

AGAINST. The Surveyor Concrel Hon. T. B. White-The Registrar General The Colonial Treasurer Hon. Ho Kai-The Attorney General Hon, J.J. Keswick Hon: C. P. Chater Hon, P. Ryrie The vote was therefore passed.

STUDENT INTERPRETERS. A vote of \$960 for the salaries of two Student Interpreters at \$40 per month ench in accordance with the scheme published in Government notification, 209, of 4th May, 1889, was passed. THE PEAK WATER SUPPLY.

The next voto was one of \$2,800, as supplementary vote for the Peak Water Supply, being additional expenditure consequent on modifications recommended by Mr Chadwick in the hydraulic motor and pilmp required for the Peak water works. The Chairman said no one could d'sub that it was most essential a proper water supply should be afforded to the Penk, and ho did not think there could be any objection to this vote, proposed as it was on the strong recommendation of Mr Chadwick. the consulting engineer. Vote passed.

COMPASSIONATE ALLOWANCE. A sum of \$600 was voted as a compassion ate allowance to the widow and children the late Inspector Swanston, of the Hongkong Police Force.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S QUARTERS. The next vote was one of \$840, as at allowance for quarters for the Postmaster-General during the current year, at \$70 a

The Chairman said hon, members would be aware that since last year the Treasury to attract as far as he pussibly can and not had been established as a reparate branch and that the office of Treasurer was now combined with that of the Collector of Stamp Revenue, and it became absolutely necessary to provide extra accommodation for the work of the Treasury, the old accommodation being found too confined for the extended work of the department. and despatch products at the cheapest Pending what his feared might still by in the far distance, the erection of proper Government offices for the Colonial Treasures and other departments, it was though more advantageous for the public generally that the Treasury should be in such a contral position as that occupied by the Post Office rather than that the suite of rooms above the Post Office should be occupied they possibly can to assimilate income by the Postmaster-General as a residence. On a valuation of the rooms as offices it was thought they would be worth at least 8300 a month. The Government therefore conincome will be, based on the previous year's sidered they were making rather a good receipts, and if the receipts exceed the ex- bargain in getting this suite of rooms at \$70

The vote was passed.

The Chairman said the next vote was one of \$536.84, equivalent to £85, for defraying the cost of analysing the observations and readings of the tides at Hongkong for 1887. 88 and making the results available for future predictions. It might be within the knowledge of hon, members that a book was published in England giving the tide tables for Singapore and Hongkong, and the author of that book, who was a specialist, had written out for a grant of £85 in order that these tables might be made more absolutely correct. From inquiry it appeared that these tables had been framed on the rather rough taking of the tide gauge by a Naval Yard constable in former years who was probably not very exact, but for the lust two years the Government had had at work in the police basin at Teim-tsa-taui an automatic tide gauge. The markings of this gauge had been sent home to England and it was supposed that from the analysis of these returns much more correct tide tables would be available for the future. In other words the tide tables would be founded on mathematical observations instead of on somewhat rough and unscientific

Hon. P. Ryric said £85 seemed a large sum, and asked if the same amount was paid by other places in the East. The Chairman said he thought th

derical work of analysing the tides for two years must be very great. The vote was passed.

The sum of \$2,577.42 was voted cover payments for the undermentioned works not completed before the 31st Dec last and for which no provision has been made in this year's estimates, namely, redrainage of Government Civil Hospital \$119.82, and construction of a storm water drain in Jubilee Street \$2,457.60. unexpended balance from 1890 \$9,263,35.

THE HOSPITAL SHIP.

building of the Huggia.

ship was to be used for, said the laziretto was prepared to pay the amount for paid back in September. He owed me Hon. J. J. Keswick and Mr Granville at Stonecutters had been given up to the which he was liable, but a settlement was military authorities for due consideration, always put off by Mr Webber and the and the Hygein would be used as a lazaretto | plaintiff until the former left the colony. Mr Mackintosh was re-elected Chairman halk, or, should an epidemic break out, as He contended that although the promissory an epidemic hospital. Hon. C. P. Chater asked what the con-

sideration given for the lazarotte was The Chairman said the Government was going to receive \$20,000 for it. In reply to further questions he said that was the which had been made on him by the plainsum at which the building had been valued tiffs' solicitors for payment no account was Ah You \$1,000 on the security of a life and he understood the amount would recome the Government for the cost of erecting it as it was almost new and there could have been very little deterioration.

DIVISION OF LAPSED SALARY. A sum of \$188, being undrawn salary of the third bailiff of the Supreme Court from 1st May to 22nd September, 1890, was voted to the first and second bailiffs in proportions recommended by the Registrar, the first and second bailiffs baving done the work from the time the third bailiff

abscended until a successor was appointed. PORFULAM PILTER BED. A-sum of \$3,254.41, unexpended balance in 1990 on account of the Pokfulam filter bed, and \$485.59, excess over estimated ed. cost, were voted.

CONPASSIONATE ALLOWANCE.

The Chairman said this amount was kinson, my solicitor, was present. I did until I had a letter from Mr Webber on have come under my notice. Those I have tain similar privileges. We now come to bers of the Civil Service, and the Secretary arrived at on the usual basis of one month's not state then that I had paid 8700 to Mr | the 11th May 1889, saying Mr Minhionett | heard of were mostly old and broken-down mittee for some time and has also been a the whole increase is not to be given at calculated on the assumption that the in- of that amount I paid \$700 to Mr Wotton he asked for. On 10th September I had the Fong Piu Sho, a sort of Hospital in taken that the amount to be paid should be which I have a receipt.

> for twenty-five years. The Chairman-Yes. Hon. C. P. Chater-And is that all the allowance his family gets for it?

Hon. C. P. Chater I am given to under-

The Chairman-Yea. The amount was voted. Tas Committee then adjourned, SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION. (Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justice, and Special Jury.) Friday, March 20.

MINHINNETT D. FRABER SMITH This was an action for the recovery of balance of \$1300 due on a promissory Mr Francis, Q.C., instructed by Messra Dennys and Mossop, appeared for the plaintiff, and the defendant appeared in person The following special jury was sworn, Mesers E. Burnie, T. Howard, S. W. Coxon, H. Crawford, E. H. Melbre, A. O'D. Goordin and N. P. Dhalla. Mr. Francis said this was an

by Robert Fraser Smith and John Frances Webber jointly and severally. 8th December 1888 the plaintiff, R. Fraser Smith Seditor, proprietor and publisher of or two, or a fortnight at the ferthest, incorrect and included amounts, which had the fourtong Telegraph, and John Francis When the fortnight was up you had not been paid already. A writ was then issued Wabber, formerly a solicitor in the colony, jointly and severally signed a promissory manager wrote to me stating that the money Clarke in Chambers. I at once admitted note by which they promised to pay the must be paid within two days. I went to the \$5,00 and offered to pay it at plaintiffor his order, five months after date, your office, and in your oily way you told once. Judgment was entered against me the sum of £6,500; with interest at the me you had been disappointed. I also went for that amount on 25th August. After rate of 12 per cent per minum. Mr to Mr Webber. He said he had not the this, on the occasion of the interview at Webber never paid anything on account money. Mr Smith proposed that I should the Shameen Hotel, Mr Ali You disof the promissory note either as principal try to get it from a Chinese banker. I met tinetly stated to me that he had paid or interest. The defendant Fraser Smith you on several occasions with reference to \$100 to Mr Minhianett on Mr Webber's had paid two sums of \$300 and \$500. He this matter before the note was signed. account. I should be in a position to was sued for the balance 'nd on admitting About a fortnight Before Mr Webber left prove this conclusively had this case been his indebtedness to the extent of \$5,000 the Colony I was in your house and you delayed for three weeks, as I have every and interest less the two amounts previous. tried to get me to divide the note. I did reason to believe Mr Webber is now on ly paid, judgment was entered against him not see you sign the note. Mr Webber his way out to the Colony. Had I not for that amount. The plaintiff now sued for the balance of \$1,300 with interest from the date of the writ. In his answer the defendant admitted signing the promissory note, but alleged that there was a collateral agreement by which he became responsible of \$1,500 being payable by Mr Webber. In addition to the two sums of \$300

and \$500 mentioned in the petition. as payments by the defendant, it was stated that two further sums of \$600 and \$700 and been paid by Webber and that nothing now remained due. Mr Francis (proceedwas thrown upon the defendant, the defence being that the sum sued for had been

plaintiff to prove the debt. self to predict that the defence was limited to one of payment he overshot the mark. It was quite time enough for him to prophesy when he heard what was to be said for the defence.

His Lor ship said the onus of proof was on the defendant. It was for him to prove left the Colony with reference to this pro- as a matter of equity he knew he could ap.

Lordship quite appreciates the situation. His Lordship-Now don't be imper-I do appreciate the situation. and 'as I am presiding here it is for me to say what is to be done. You have Mr Fraser Smith-Very well, I accept

your Lurdship's decision at once, but wish to disabuse your Lordship's nind to my being in any way impertinent. Your ordship has misconstrued my remark. His Lordship-It is the only meaning can but on it. It is for me to say what the course of procedure, and I have

Mr Fraser Smi h-That may be so, my His Lordship-Your defence is that the noney has been paid and that shifts the onus of proof on you.

told you that it is for you to begin.

Mr Fraser Smith-I quite appreciate and inderstand that. I am only sorry your Lordship should imagine for one moment he had been taken somowhat unawares in the position ha had been placed in by the ruling of the Court, which was no doubt quite in accordance with the law. In his simplicity he was under the impression that when one person was suing another for a sum of money in a Court of justice it was for the person suing to come forward and prove his case. The onus was thrown him, however, to prove that or Mr Wabber, either by themselves or somebody else, had paid the

of \$1,300 on which this suit was based. The defendant then related to the jury the circumstances under which the loan was permanent moorings for the new hospital petition was drawn up, and that the note was signed jointly and severally he had a valid and sufficient defence in courty. If Mr Webber had not left the colony ha ventured to say action would never taken of the \$800 which he had paid. Mr Francis - That was for interest overdue. Nothing whatever was paid on ac-

count of principal. Mr-Fraser Smith-The statement made by the learned counsel is absolutely false. His Lordship-That is not a proper ex- signed a promissory note

Mr Francis I should ask your Lordship, from Mr Webber. At that time I did not out of the ordinary course. Business if you please, not to interrupt him : he is only dyning himself deeper in lies as he December I went to Mr Webber's office and goes on as usual, and I have seen nothing. Mr Fraser-Smith-I apologise to you, my

Lord, for using an improper expressionnot to the learned counsel. Evidence for the defence was the call-

have been in Hongkong over twenty years. had one transaction with Mr. Minhinnett and his observations confirm my own. In June last I entered into business relations through Mr Webber. I borrowed \$2500 There has been an unusual amount of The next vote was one of \$888 as a com- with Mr Webber, solicitor. There was some for a friend in November 1889. My sickness in the City and throughout the Shameen Hotel in August last. Mr Wil- action. I heard nothing about the \$6500 few deaths from the prevailing influenza

he had paid Minhinnett any money. to Minhinnett.

nort of his own statement. \$700 to Mr Minhinnett as security for Mr at Mr Webber's. Beyond that I had never of health, and the ordinary condition of Webber on account of a promissory note. met nor spoken to him anywhere, health will soon be restored. Mr France Smith asked Ah You if he had He and Mr Webber called at my office on

paid anything to Mr Minhinnett on the the 16th or 17th of March and the matter

by Mr Wobber and Mr Ah Yon.

Mr Francis-He was not dying, was he? | which might have induced your Lordship Mr Fraser Smith-I am serry to have to | to adjourn the case. make a complaint to your Lordship of rudeness and insult on the part of Mr Francis, When, in reply to my question, the witness said I was sick. Mr Francis said 'He was not dying, was he?' His Lordship making no reply, the ex-

Witness-I had no correspondence with you prior to the signing of the promis- lieve to Mr Mossop. sury note. I made applications to you ing) submitted that under the provisions of for payment before Mr Webber left the that Mr Minhimott called on me after the Code the burden of proof in the case | Colony. I was at your wifice dozens of Mr Webber's departure and offered to times about it. I also made written ap- | share the loss of the \$1500 with me. This plications. I called at your office in March 1890. Mr Webber was present. There was no arrangement made then about the which he payment of the money by instalments. I don't know that there was any special reason why I did not take legal proceedings against you. I suppose I could choose my own time. I did not want to push you and

Webber into Court. Mr Fraser Smith-After Webber left the Colony you changed your policy. Witness-I can explain that. I called on you about a fortnight after Wabber Mr Fraser Smith I don't think your going to do. You said it was very hard lines of Hongkong. that you should have to pay Webber's \$1500. I said we would divide the differerro-you would pay \$750-und I'll lose \$750. You said, 'Not a damued cash unless you go into Court for it. I said Well we'll have to fight.' Yes and I'll make it hot for you.'

You showed me a letter from man in the Chinese Customs enclosing \$50 | There was absolutely no evidence before. to send to Webber at Singapore. That was | the Court that would entitle the defendant before you declared war .. I got the \$6500 | to get out of his liability. There was no from Tsang King, and I had to pay \$65 interest to a Chinose bank for it. I endorsed the note over to Tsang King, and | Fraser Smith was defending the action. after Mr Webber's departure he re-indorsed it over to me. I have received \$800 on account of the promissory note. I see a re-

ceipt from Mr Webber for \$300 - paid receipt. I admit receiving also \$500 and of \$700 on behalf of Mr Wobber he had all 86404. I never received anything the sum on account of the promissory note that I wished to be importinent. The de- more than \$800 from Mr Webber on in question. It appeared indeed that what

transaction altogether. Fraser Smith. They told me the loan was to support that statement. made, which he afterwards detailed in to buy the gunboats. I never received evidence. He stated that at the time the anything from Mr Smith's own hand on ac- turned a verdiet for the plaintiff by promissory note was signed the collateral count of this promissory note, and the only to 2 A sum of \$2,500 was voted to provide agreement referred to in the answer to the accounts I received from Mr Webber were \$300 and \$500. I received the \$300 on the lent him (the defendant) \$5,000, and ment in January 1890. There was more at the time \$1000 one another account. The \$600 mentioned was paid by Webber the inpres. on account of the 2600 loan, not on account of the \$6,500. I never arranged to divide | way to accede to the request. the amount of the promissory note and take two instead of one. I have had other transactions besides this with Mr Frasie have Smith. Llent-Webber and Ah Yon 8900 been taken on the note. In the demand on their joint promissory note in June 1890. That money has not been repaid. I lent policy. There is no truth in the state-

> Robert Fraser Smith, the defendant anid-On the 8th December 1888. in

ment that I retained 8700 of this on ac-

count of Mr Webber. Ah You had nothing

to do with this transaction.

Mr Webber returned me the receept class died there. form. According to a return furni- The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

shed by the Government there was Hon. P. Ryrie-If we are to have an incollected from list Jan. last year to 31st creased military contribution we cannot go of Stafe. It would make a difference of You and you. I heard you ask whether year Mr Webber wrote asking for a loan of Noyes), there have been only two deaths. \$500. I refused to let him have it. Mr. which could be attributed to the prevailing His Lordship said this was not evidence. Webber called in the afternoon and told sickness, and one of these was an old Ah You had denied that he paid any money me he had got \$500 and had paid it to Mr woman of deer 70, who had been ill for a Mr Fraser Smith said he wished it in sup- ing Mr Webber to settle this matter. The Since the rains have in some measure plaintiff was four times at my place on cleansed the City and furnished somewhat Witness-Mr Ah You said be had paid Sanday, and I met him I think three times purer water, there has been a better state

promissary note, and Mr Ah You replied was left entirely in abequace. Mr Webber that he had paid 3700 as security for Mr and Mr Minhimett were on the most Webber. I understood that a promissory friendly; terms In May some time I got note had been given by Mr Wobber to Mr tho letter, which was written in behalf of Minhimett and that Mr Ah You had paid Mc Tsang King which I looked upon as a I had asked Mr Webber a dozon Mr Francis said that was a totally dis- times to settle the matter and offered him a dinct matter. The promissory note in ques cheque for \$5000 to have it sottled. tion was dated June 1889 and was signed. Another month was allowed to clapso. The legal proceedings threatened were John Minhimpett, the plaintiff, said -- Mr not begun. On 19th June it was Webber did some work for me as a solicitor, known to many people, Mr Minhinnett Webber did not loud to you \$5,000 on fify included, that Mr Webber was in what account. I lant it to you and Webber is known as 'Queer Street.' Then Mr jointly and severally. I might have said Minhinnett-called with Mr Wobber and an in the witness-box in November last I lent arangement was come to to pay the amount you \$5000 and Webber \$1,500. I think I, by installments. The next thing I heard of said I did not pay you the money but that it was in Jaly, when I got Messrs Donnys I supposed Webber paid it. Webber acted and Mossop's lotter, in reply to which I as my solicitor in the matter. I become requested a memo, of my indebtedness security in the New C. B. C. in November to Mr. Minhimnett. In response to that 1888 for \$6,500 on behalf of Webber and letter was sent from Messrs Dannys and you. You said it would only be for a day Mossop, enclosing an account which was paid the money into the Bank, and the and the matter came before Mr Justice took the note to you to sign as he said you been sick and confined to bed I should have been able to make representations

> Cross-examined-I did not send any answer to the letter from Messre Dennys and Mossop enclosing the account. What I wanted from Messrs County and Mosson was a memo, of what I awed. I had the money to pay the amount due by me three times over at that time. I offered to pay the \$5000 to Mr Minhinnett and I be-

. By His Lordship It is absolutely untrue concluded the defence.

Mr Francis called no syidence. Mr Fraser Smith in addressing the jury. submitted that ovidence had been adduced from which the jury would be able to give a verdict for him. He asserted most emphatically that the statements made by the plaintiff in the box were deliberate lies. Notwithstanding what had been said and done with reference to a matter which was notorious in the colony, he might say he hardly knew Minhinnett yet. The question before the jury was simply one of facts, and missory note and asked you what you were | peal with confidence to seven business men

Mr Francis, in the course of a brief address, stated that in law each of the signa. tories of the joint promissory note was equally liable for the whole amount, The plaini tiff lent the money to them jointly and You said i knew nothing at the time of how they proposed to divide it, and even if he had known both men were still equally liable. evidence of the payment of the sums of 18600 and 8700 in respect of which Mr and he submitted that they were never

His Lordship, in summing up, called the attention of the jury to the fact that by you. I did get \$300 from Mr | whatever the witness Ah Yon might have Webber but not on the date of that said at Canton about the payment of a sum \$5540 and \$529. I admit receiving in denied in the witness box that he had paid recount of this note. I see a cheque for the said had reference to another transact \$100 received from Mr Webber. Ladmit tion. On the face of the document saed having got that. It was not on account of on the plaintiff was entitled to recover this transaction. It was interest on another | the whole-amount from defendant. It had been stated that the agreement as to the Cross-examined by Mr Francis-I became | distribution of the money was made at the security at the bank for the money. Who same time as the promissory note, but it got it and what they did with it I know | would surely have been as oney to make the nothing about except what they told me. promissory note itself in the same terms, I got 86,500 to my good this overdraft and it seemed to his Lordship that from the Chinese bank. I paid the money if both were made at the same time the into Mr Webber's hands and went with course of procedure was surely somehim to the O.B.C. to see him pay it in to | what extraordinary. With reference to meet the overdraft. In the nigotiations the sum of \$600 which it was said had been afterwards I saw both Mr Webber and Mr paid to the plaintiff, there was no evidence

The jury after a short retirement re-His Lordship gave judgment for the

plaintiff, for the sum claimed, with interest ship Hygeia; also \$29,300, re-vote, for plaintiff was cognisant of it. The plaintiff 9th of July 1889. That was the first at 8 per cent from the date of the

Mr. Fraser Smith asked his Lordship to In connection with the last item the Mr Webber \$1,50% He (the defend- than these two payments then due in suspend judgment for a month in order Chairman, in reply to a question by the ant) had repeatedly fried to get Mr the shape of interest. I lent Webber that he might take the necessary steps for Attorney General as to what the hospital Webber to settle the matter and on 30th August 1889 \$600, which he a new trial at which he expected Mr Web. ber would be able to give substantial . evidence with reference to the payment of His Lordship said he could not see his

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SICKNESS IN CANTON. To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Canton, 18th March. SIR. - Reports of the amount and fatal character of sickness in Canton having been circulated, and currency given to them by papers in the North, it is proper for me to say that these reports are very much exaggerated. I have been in some part of the I city almost every day, visiting the sick, Mr and have soldom mot a funeral procespression to use with reference to the learned Webber's office for \$6,500. I had so sion; and there is nothing in the streets ceived \$5,000 some days previously or among the people to indicate anything know who was the lender. On the 8th activity in the shops and on the streets was then informed who the lender was. Mr to indicate any unusual murtality except a Webber asked me then in presence of the slight increase in the number of mourning plaintiff if I would agree to sign a joint tablets and lanterns put up before the promissory note for \$6,500 as he was in want houses where a death of one of the older of some money in the office. I agreed to do members has taken place. The Rev. Dr. so. The joint promissory note was signed in Henry has been through the city in dif-Loung Ah Yon, ship charterer, said-I Mr Minhimmett's presence. I had previously ferent directions during the past two weeks

The following report was presented to the Legislative Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor, on the 19th March, 1891 :-

THE WATER AND DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT. RESEDENT ENGINEER'S OFFICE. H righting, 7th F to mary, 1891. Sin. -I-have the home r to forward you the following report on the condition of the

works in charge of this Depietment, and the progress of the new works that have been in course of construction during the past year. LXISTING WORKS.

Totam and Polifulin Reservoirs .- The Tylin and Pokiniam Reservoirs have been maintained in a satisfactory state of repair without any extr. ordinary expenditure. The only work calling for special mention being the diversion of the stream at

by means of a 12-inch ripo haid along the western side of the reservoir. lly means of this bye-pass water very water and a greater-economy is effected in Sewerage Works to date is 86,184:50

filtration. Tytam Filter-Beds. -The Tytam Filterlineal yards have now been completed. Beds have been in constant use throughout the year. During the early part of the year a portion of the course sand forming \$2,424.23. the filtering material was removed to a wells constructed in each of the heds to beenadmit of accurately determining the quan-

tity of water filtered by each hed, Since the first of November I have had a daily record kept of the quantity of water passing through the filters, and find that during the month of November the quantity filtered was 61,298,000 gallians, giving an average rate of filtration-allowing for one bed always being out of use-of 743 gallons | per 24 hours per square yard-of filter area. The filters required cleaning once in 16

During the month of December the total quantity filtered was 64,284,60; gallons, giving an average rate of filtration of 704 gallons per 24 hours per square yard of filter area. The filters required cleaning once in 21 days.

The consumption of water from the Tytam Works during the month of November was 59,439,892 gallous per diem, and that during the month of December was 62,630,533 gallons, or 2,020,340 gallons CUITABLE for OFFICES-7 ROOMS per diem.

Distribution Works. - The Distribution TRAL, No. 8 - to be let together or singly. Works consisting of several miles of castiron pipes laid in various parts of the City have been maintained in as efficient a manner as practicable without an undue expenditure on them, the fact being borne in mind that many of these pipes are shortly to be replaced by new ones of large diame-

The total expenditure on the maintenance of the water works during the past year has been 86,428 75. The Drainage Works. - The drains throughout the City have received constant attention, and on the whole they have been maintained in an efficient state of repair and as free from deposit as can be re nonably expected, so long as the combined system of sewerage exists, at a cost of **\$1**,251.82.

NEW WORKS.

Pokfulam Filter Beds and Service Reservoir, -The Pokfulam Filter-Beds and Service Reservoirs which were commenced in November, 1889; have now been completed.

The filter-buds are four in number having a total area of 1,360 square yards, the invert is constructed on the ridge and furnow system, and gauge wells are provided for the purpose of measuring the water passing through the filters.

The filtering material consists of 12 inches of coarse broken stone, 9 inches of stone broken to 1-inch subes, 9 inches of coarse sand, and 2 feet of fine sand, the furrows in the invert being filled with very coarse broken atone.

The reservoir, 141 feet in length, 35 feet in breadth, and 30 feet 6 inches in depth, having a capacity of 940,000 gallons, is constructed of concrete faced with stone and covered over with brick arching carried on masonry piers.

The total cost of this work has been

**83**0,485,59.

WATER DISTRIBUTION WORKS.

The final plans for the distribution of water throughout the City of Victoria having been approved and the pipes requisition-ed early in 1889 having arrived main laying was commenced on the 19th April and has proceeded uninterruptedly since.

I append a plan shewing this several dis tricts into which the City has been divided for the purpose of checking the cost of the work, and a tabular statement shewing the lengths of pipes of various diameter laid, and the cost of the same in each district, The total length of mains laid during the year being 10<sup>2</sup> miles at a cost of 870,254,80.

Three small covered Reservoirs at a cost of \$4,427.62 have been constructed, viz :-One on the Peak Road of 12,000 gallons capacity at a level of 700 feet above Ordnance Datum : One South of Inland Lot 715 of 112,000 gallons capacity at a leve of 500 feet above Ordnanco Datum

One south of the Pokfulum Filter-Beds 105,000 gallons capacity at a level of 600 feet above Ordnance Datum. At present only the first two of these are in use; the water is pumped up into them by the Hydraulic Motor which has been fixed in Garden Road, and afterwards distributed throughout the district between the Caine Road and the Pokfulam Conduit, but until the other hydraulic motors are fixed a constant high pressure supply is unobtainable in all parts of these districts.

Road early in September ; and is now pumping night and day supplying filtered water to the higher levels of the City.

Fountains .- Forty nine fountains at a cost of \$890.21 have been fixed in various parts of the City for the purpose of rendering a supply of water easily available for those who have not got water laid on inside

their premises. Rouse Services. - The work of laying on water to private premises was combanced early in September, and since then the service pipes of 599 houses have been connected with the new water mains, and to MEMORIAL HOSPITAL several instances the work throughout including the internal fittings has been exeouted by this Department at the cost of the applicant.

Meters .- In cases where water is requir. ed for other than domestic purposes meters have been fixed. Up to the 3Lat of Docember 24 meters ranging in size from i inch

\$1,609.83 In accordance with instructions received

in C.S.O. 1944, the works for the sewerage of the City of Victoria have been commenced and considerable progress has been made with the new system of newers in the High Lovel District, upwards of 2,700 lineal yards having been completed, and with the works of training the Nullaha in the Western District between the Poktalam Conduit and the Rebinson Ruad. The latter are nearly completed; the cost of these works to date has been \$12,640.52. Pive hundred lineal vards of pipe sower in the district marked 215 on plan attached have been dis pleted at a cost of \$1 563.40. This work was randered immediately : ecessary owing to the exceptionally bad condi-

tion of the old drains. Peak Screene,c. - The sowers in the Peak District have been extended along the Plantation and the Peak Roads-for To length of 800 lineal yards to provide for the drainage of new houses; the cost of this the north end of the Pokfulum Reservoir work has been \$2,979.87, making the total cost of the Peak Sewerage Works to date

88,581.95. Korolvan Severage, - A short length of much freer of deposit can be delivered to sever and a thishing tank have been conthe City during the greater part of the structed in Kimberley Road at a cost of summer than hitherto, the result being a \$404.03, providing for the drainage of the better quality of water if supplied to the new terrace new nearly completed in this districts at present unsupplied with filtered locality. The total cost of the Kowloon the maintenance of the filter beds connected | Hunghom Sewerage. - Owing to the conwith the Pokfalam Works, the cost of dition of the existing drains in Hunghom maintenance to a large extent depending on and the serious expense that would be the quantity of matters held in suspension | involved in cleaning and repairing them which have to be removed by the process of even as a temperary measure, the constinct tion of the new system of sewers was

The cost of this work to date has been The more important other works of depth of one foot six inches, and replaced | Sewerage and Drainage undertaken by this by sand of much finer quality, and gauge Department during the past year have

(1.) The re-arrangement of the newers and internal sanitary fittings of the Government Civil Hospital. (2.) The diversion of the storm-water drain crossing the site of the New

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STEAMSHIP SACHSEN. FROM BREMEN AND PORTS OF CALL.

IME above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkons and Kow-LOON WHARP AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD. Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. OPTIONAL CARGO will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. This Afternoon, the 19th Instant: No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th Instant will be subject to rent,

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, the 26th Instant. at 4 p.m. All Claims must reach us before the 27th instant, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance has been effected, Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

MELCHERS & Co., Hongkong, March 19, 1891. FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND

THE S.S. Aglaia, Capte E. CHRISTIANSEN. having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to | Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacisend in their Bills of Lading for counter- fie, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongaide.

To-MORROW, the 20th Instant, at Noon, Any Cargo impeding her discharge will and Japan to Europe. be landed into the Gopowns of the Hong-KONG, KOWLOON WHARP & GODOWN Co., destined to points beyond San Francisco, Lrn., and stored at Consignees' risk and in the United States, should be sent to the No Claims will be admitted after the lector of Customs, San Francisco,

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th Inst. | or Passage, apply to the Agency of the will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will to examined on the 26th Inst., at 4 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected. SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, March 19, 1891. NDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE MHE Company's Steamship Wingsang having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Horo-KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN Co., LTD., at Kowloon, whonce delivery

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 23rd Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 30th Instaut, otherwise they will not be recognized. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

may be obtained.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Ca, General Managers. Hongkong, March 17, 1891. FROM SOURABAYA, SAMARANG.

cepted in transit through Marseilles for the BATAVIA AND SAIGON. ITHE Steamship Borneo, having arrived I from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that | p.m. Specie and Parcels until 8 p.m. on their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong to be sent on board; they must be left at AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN Co.. Lp., at West Point, whence delivery may be

obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 23rd Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been affected. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 30th Instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong, March 17, 1891.

THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COM-PANY, LIMITED. - NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE fillE Company's Steamship Chingico, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed, that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and KOWLOON WHARP AND GODOWN COMPANY, be obtained.

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the OFFICE of the Undersigned, before Noon on the 22nd Instant, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd Inst., at 4 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been offected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 22nd Inst. will be subject to rent. · Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

MOUUL LINE OF STEAMERS NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hongkong, March 16, 1891.

AND SINGAPORE. MONSIGNRES of Cargo are hereby in-I formed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COX, at Kowloan, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To DAY. No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th Inst. To be had at Messra Line, CRAWFORD will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 1528 the 21th Tustant, or they will not be reeognized. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Hongkong, March 18, 1891.

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Occidental & Oriental Steam. Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

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STRAMERS. THE Stempship GAELIO will. despatched for San Francisco. okoluma, on TUESDAY, the March, 1891, at Daylight, connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from

Shanghai and Japan Ports, all Parcol Packages should be marked to dress in full : and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the my previous to sailing." First-class Fares granted as follows :-To San Francisco ... \$225.00 To San Francisco and return, ) available for 6 months .... To Liverpool .... 325.00

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ONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX. N WEDNESDAY, the 25th March. r 1891, at Noon, the Company's S. S. NATAL, Comedia: VERROY, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO will leave this Port for the above places." Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-

principal places of Europe. Supping Orders will be granted till Cargo will be received on board until 4 the 24th March, 1891. (Parcels are not the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are re-

For further particular, apply at the Company's Office. G. DE CHAMPEAUX.

Hongkong, March 12, 1891. U. S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMS III

COMPANY. THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING TY YOKOHAMA AND SAN. FRANCISCO.

IHE U.S. Mail Steamship CHINA will be despatched for BAN FRAN-CISCO, vid YOKOHAMA, on THURS-DAY, the 2nd April, at 1 p.m., taking Passengers and Breight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Leding issued for trans- and CARGO, will leave this port as above, portation to Yokohama and other Japan calling at Genok. Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and LIMITED, Kowloon, whence delivery may Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 No Claims will be admitted after the and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers. Through Passage Tiokets granted Value of Packages are required.

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To San Francisco .... \$225.00 To San Francisco and return, 393.75 available for 6 months ... To Liverpool ... 3:5.00 To London .... -332.00 To other European points at proportion ate rates. Special reduced rates granted t Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

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Passengers by this Line have the option

of proceeding Overland by the Southern

Freight will be received on board nutil . p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parce Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required. Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States; should be sent to the

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Hougkong March 16, 1791.

Acting Agent.

Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes,

COMPANY.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

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ROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1891.

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Empress of India	Tuesday	7ih.
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Empress of Japan	Tuesday	June 2nd.

(1) HE Steamship EMPRESS OF INDIA. Capt. O. P. MARSHALL, R. R. Bailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 7th April with Her Majesty's Mails, will proceed to VANCOUVER, vid SHANGHAL, NAGA-

SAKI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKO-RATES OF PASSAGE. FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS. To Vancouver, Viotoria, Esquimault, New Westminster, Port \$225.00 Townsend, Scattle, Tacoma, Portland, O..... To Banff, Calgarry......\$255.00 To Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth. \$285.00\_ To Chicago, Kansas City, St. \$295.00

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Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials. only. -Prepaid return tickets to Pacific Coast Points, and to Eastern and Interior Points of Canada and U.S.A. will be granted, available for:-

Interior and Eastern Points of Canada and U.S.A. not holding prepaid return tickets. but who re-embark at Vancouver within 12 mouths from date of issue of original ticket, will be allowed 10 per cent. off the return Prepaid return tickets to Liverpool and London will be issued available for 12 months at \$650 or for 4 months \$575. Cargo. Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan. Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points. CONSULAR INVOICES of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of D. E. Brows, Assistaut General Freight and Passenger Agent,

couver. B.C. PARCEIS must be sent to our office with address marked in full by 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing. For Further information as to Passege and Freight, apply to

Agents. Hongkong, March 18, 1891. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

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AN SUNDAY, the 12th day of April, 1891, at 11 a.m., the Company's S.S. SAOBSEN, Captain K. v. Goessel, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board p.m. on the 11th of April (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be

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